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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROLS AND TAXES BY GUB

REF: STATE 022871

1. GUB MONOPOLIZES ALL BURMA'S FOREIGN TRADE. GUB CAN LIMIT EXPORTS AS IT WISHES AND THEREFORE DOES NOT MAINTAIN OTHER EXPORT CONTROLS. NO NEW EXPORT TAXES IMPOSED SINCE JANUARY 1973. EXISTING EXPORT TAXES, ALL OF LONG STANDING (K4.81 EQUALS \$1):
RICE; INCLUDING RICE FLOUR K 10 PER TON OF 2,240 LBS.
RICE BRAN AND RICE DUST K 5 PER TON OF 2,240 LBS.
OIL CAKES 5 PERCENT AD VALOREM
CEREALS AND PULSES OTHER THAN RICE 5 PERCENT AD VALOREM
BAMBOO 10 PERCENT AD VALOREM
RAW HIDES AND SKINS 5 PERCENT AD VALOREM

2. BURMA'S NEED TO EARN FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBABLY PRECLUDES HOLDING BACK EXPORTS BEYOND THAT AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION.

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3. GUB PRESENTLY HAS NO BARTER AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT. RECENT

PURCHASE OF 400,000 TONS OF INDONESIAN CRUDE OIL, AGREED TO BY GOI BASICALLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS, APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY TIED TO EARLIER BURMESE SALE OF 100,000 TONS OF RICE TO INDONESIA, BUT INDONESIAN NEED FOR BURMESE RICE AND THE LIMITED QUANTITIES OF BURMESE UREA FERTILIZER WHICH MAY BECOME AVAILABLE PROBABLY HELPED MOTIVATE INDONESIANS TO SELL CRUDE.

4. BURMESE STATE TRADING SYSTEM ALSO OBVIATES NEED FOR FORMAL IMPORT CONTROLS. GUB PRACTICE IS SIMPLE: IMPORTS ARE PROHIBITED EXCEPT FOR THE MOST ESSENTIAL ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY AT ANY PRICE.

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